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For: USE OF CINNAMIC ACID OR OF AT
LEAST ONE OF ITS DERIVATIVES IN
A COSMETIC COMPOSITION

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action [final rejection] mailed April 9, 2002, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on September 9, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 57-61 and 65, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly replace Claims 27-31 and 62, as follows:

27. (twice amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming of the skin which comprises an amount of cinnamic acid, or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one derivative thereof selected from mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, or alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, effective to provide for firming of the skin and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier therefor.

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